

Traversal is on the ground that there would not be undue burden in examining the claims of Group IV, i.e., Claims 25 to 31, and the claims of Group V, i.e., Claims 32 to 34, in a single application. In particular, MPEP § 808 makes clear that in order to require restriction between independent or distinct inventions, reasons for insisting upon a restriction requirement, such as undue burden, must also be shown.

In the present instance, it is not believed that there would be undue burden in examining the claims of Groups IV and V in a single application, since the claims are not so different as would require burden on the Examiner that is significantly beyond that of the normal burdens of examination. In particular, the claims of both of Groups IV and V involve calculating a position of an index from a sensed image. In addition, both groups of claims have a common feature that a visual axis vector of an image sensing device and a normal vector of an index are used to identify an index. Accordingly, since the claims are not believed to be so different, examination of the Group V claims together with the Group IV claims is not seen to present a burden beyond the normal burdens associated with examination of the elected Group IV claims. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement with respect to Groups IV and V, and examination of Claims 25 to 34 in the present application, are therefore respectfully requested.

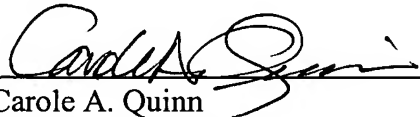
Turning to a different matter, it is noted that Claims 17 to 19 were omitted from the Restriction Requirement. It is believed that these claims were meant to be included in the Group III claims. The Examiner is requested to provide further clarification if this is not what was intended.

Finally, as to a formal matter, the Office Action made no mention of the Request for Corrected Notice of Recordation dated November 18, 2004. Applicants

therefore respectfully request issuance of a Corrected Notice of Recordation of Assignment Document in response to the Request.

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